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Mr. Lloyd Vaughan, Editor
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Dear Sir:

I am writing in reference to Coach Gordon Bragg's dismissal as head football coach for Appomattox High School.

Unfortunately I have not been associated with Coach Bragg for a number of years and cannot rightly judge the situation which now exists but I do wonder how so many people could be wrong in their opinion. Judging from your newspapers,(was given a backlog of your paper all at one time), many people are deeply concerned -- people whom I admire, respect and above all believe.

However, aside from those people, I speak for myself in saying that during my stay at Appomattox High School Coach Bragg was certainly a total coach, a total man, and above all commanded the total respect of all.

Having known Coach Bragg, I doubt seriously that he has changed. Therefore, for the benefit of the school, I do hope he will accept reinstatement ifand when the school board realizes its error and reconsiders its decision.

Good luck coach!

Sincerely,
Charles "Sandy" Burks
414 Sequoyah Drive
Kingsport, Tennessee
37660

VCU Graduates Include Three From Appomattox

Susan Nell O'Brien of Appomattox, Virginia was graduated Saturday from the Medical College of Virginia School of Pharmacy with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy.

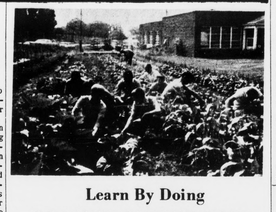
Wilsie Sue Paulette and Charlotte Anne Lawson of Appomattox, Virginia were graduated Saturda from the Medical College of Virginia School of Nursing with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing. A total of 437 persons received degrees from MCV, the Health Sciences Division of Virginia Commonwealth University.

Commencement exercises were held in the Mosque auditorium at 4 p.m. Dr. Robert Q. Marston, director of the National Institutes of Health, delivered the commencement address. Dr. Marston is a 1947 graduate of the MCV School of Medicine and formerly taught in the bacteriology and immunology departments of MCV 1953-61.

Earlier in the day, the graduating seniors attended baccalaureate services at St. Paul Episcopal Church. The Rev. George W. Harrison, pastor of Centenary Methodist Church, delivered the baccalaureate sermon. A luncheon for graduates, their families and friends followed the sermon.

With a combined enrollment of 13,734 students, VCU this year graduated 2,061 seniors in 12 major schools at the Academic Division and the Health Sciences Division.

Heart attack is the largest single cause of death in the United States, killing more than 500,000 persons each year.



Learn By Doing

Members of the 9th grade Vocational Agricultural classes at Appomattox County High School have been putting to use what they have learned in their Vocational Agricultural classes this spring. This garden has been planted and worked by these boys. Some of the jobs they have performed are as follows: preparing seed bed, taking soil samples, fumigating the soil with methal bromide for weed control, fertilizing and liming according to soil sample taken, spacing and laying off the rows, planting, and applying insecticides as each week. Each boy has twenty square feet of garden space with each boy planting five different vegetables. W. T. Johnson, their instructor of Voc. Agri., says the boys have worked very faithfully and have shown a great deal of interest in the garden. He also stated that he is pleased with the progress of the garden to date.

Quarterly Meeting at Mt. Shiloh

An overflow crowd attended the funeral services for the late Master Sergeant Curtis Whitted, who was killed in Viet Nam last Sunday, June 7 at the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church at 2 p. m. The Rev. R. Q. Lawing served as master of ceremony. Special music was rendered by the Promise Land Baptist Church. The Rev. Arrington, newly elected pastor of the church offered prayer. The eulogy was delivered by the Rev. W. H. Jones, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lynchburg, Virginia and a classmate of the deceased. Remarks were given by the following teachers who had taught the deceased through his school career: Miss H. B. Stevens, Mrs. T. W. Hamlet, Mrs. O. W. Smith and Rev. Lawing. The family letter was read by Mrs. Helen Marshall. A solo was rendered by Mr. Hiawatha Johnson of Lynchburg, Virginia with his son at the piano. Ushers were from the First Baptist Church. Burial was conducted in Forest Lawn cemetery, in Lynchburg, Virginia with full rites.

The Annual Ladies Day will be observed at the Promise Land Baptist Church this Sunday evening at 3 p.m. The program will be sponsored by the Missionary Society of the church.

Regular preaching services were held at the Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday morning at 11 a.m. At the close of the morning worship, remarks were given by Mr. J. R. Board, field worker of the Virginia Baptist Convention and Sunday School Congress. A special musical number was rendered by Mr. Sims of Roanoke, Va. who accompanied by Deacon Board.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tibbs of Philadelphia were recent visitors of his mother, Mrs. Lucy Tibbs and family.

All officers and members are reminded of the regular quarterly meeting of the Mt. Shiloh Baptist Church this Saturday at 7 p.m. Plans for the annual revival will be presented.

The public is cordially invited to attend the regular preaching and communion services at the Mt. Shiloh Baptist Church this Sunday morning at 11 a.m.

Operation "Safety Break"

The busy intersection of two main highways, U.S. Routes 460 and 24, was the location for a travelers "safety break" booth which was set up and manned by the Sherwill 4-H Club of Concord. This was held from 1 o'clock until 5 o'clock on Sunday, May 31st, the busiest day of the first long holiday of the summer - Memorial Day week end.

Mr. Charlie Johnston, who operates the Big Horn Market, contributed the use of the grassy corner lot, which was perfect for use by the group.

Large signs were painted by members and erected at various locations along Rt. 460, east and west, and on Rt. 24. Windshields were washed and free coffee and Pepsi - cola, contributed by Pepsi - cola Bottling Co. of Lynchburg, were served. Litter bags were also distributed. Robinson Funeral Home of Appomattox erected a tent on the site for shelter from the sun and rain.

The Campbell County Rescue Squad stationed one of their rescue vehicles at the location ably manned by Mr. Shirely and Mr. Langford.

The highway was heavily traveled that Sunday afternoon and many people from different states stopped for a rest. They seemed most appreciative of the service offered by the club.

By putting forth a little time and effort, the members of the Sherwill 4-H Club, along with the helpfulness of all those who contributed, would like to think that they may have helped to save a life over the week end.

Glenn Giles, Reporter

Shown here manning the "Safety Break" booth at the intersection of Routes 460 and 24, in the Big Horn Market parking lot in Concord, are some of the members of the Sherwill 4-H Club. From left to right are Mrs. J. F. MacKenzie, Mrs. James Hancock, Mrs. L. N. Garrette, leaders, Glenn Giles, Jane Garrette, Donna Steppe, Thomas Evans, Carolyn Giles, Sam Jones, James Hancock, III, Mr. Langford and Mr. Shirely, rescue squad attendants.

Seniors Choose World Wide Theme

Seniors of Appomattox County High School carried out their class theme, "Make A Difference Through Love and Peace" with life-size wooden cutouts of two seniors with mortarboards and gowns pointing to an outline of the world. Artists in charge were Kay Thomas and Patty Bragg, helped by Richard Poe, Wanda Hillsman, Don Conner, Jimmy Bondurant and others.

Pastor Speaks

So You Are a Protestor

Deut. 19:14

Text: " . . . Remove not thy neighbor's landmark, . . ." (Deut. 19:14). For ages now, we have left the old standards that made our nation great. The younger generation wants to protest everything. I would like to direct my remarks to you this week, and I trust that we may be able to enlighten you just a little concerning the subject of "Protesting".

You are protesting everything that is fixed -- the Establishment, the Law, the System, the Standard; you say because it has reduced you to a non-person - a number.

So, now you have decided you must tear it all down, burn it, and start all over again. That sounds exciting to say the least, but before you tear down the whole thing and discover you do not have the faintest idea how to put it together again - why don't you consider going somewhere where the bottom really is? India, where the life expectancy is thirty years old and where tens of thousands die of starvation every year, or one of the many Asian countries where a simple disease will wipe out a whole village. Or, consider going where the diseased and starving die in the street with no one to claim their bodies until the death wagon comes to pick them up the next day and bury them in one of many animals. There are only a handful of concerned people labouring to help the suffering millions in these poverty and disease - stricken lands, and those few have been criticized and sent by the very establishment you wish to tear down.

Now if you are really sincere and want to start on the bottom, why don't you take off for some of these far away places where there is no establishment? And, if you really want to make things better as you claim, your efforts will meet no resistance.

It is my guess that your sincerity is a farce. You are not really interested in building - you are wanting to take over what the establishment has built.

Anyone can tear down; it takes a man to build something up. In conclusion, let me say that the real problem is a rebellion against God and not the society. If you had been educated with the "Reading, writing and the Hickory stick" as mother and dad, our society wouldn't be in the mess you have created and are blaming the "Establishment" for these days.

Rev. Earnie W. Lucas, Pastor
Bible Baptist Church
Appomattox, Virginia 24522

The Annual Childrens Day program will not be held at the morning service this year but will be held at 3 p.m. All members of the Sunday School and Church are invited to attend.

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Young Man Brightens Dark Tobacco Outlook

by James Noles,
Extension Agent, Appomattox District Office

A sunny day visit with Glenn Martin, Jr., might brighten your outlook on dark tobacco. He radiates confidence in the future of the commodity as well as his ability to produce it. What a study in contrasts!

Glenn Martin, Jr., is one of a rare breed. He is a young man in his early twenties who returned to the family farm. He's serious about it too. A young man starting in farming nowadays is unusual all right. One like Glenn, Jr., who depends on dark tobacco as the backbone of his farming operation is a rare type indeed -- a few years ago he was an Appomattox FFA member and grew dark tobacco as one of his projects. Since then he pulled his hitch in the U.S. Navy and is back home farming practically full time.

He also served as President of the Appomattox Young Farmer's Club. His farming operation includes about five acres of dark tobacco, one acre of burley tobacco, 15 acres of soybeans and joint interest with his dad in a beef cattle herd. Glenn, Jr., maintains, however, that dark tobacco pays the major portion of the bills.

Glenn, Jr., learned from his daddy that being "above average" usually pays well. Back in '63 when it got so dry, an irrigation system was added for dark tobacco. This irrigation system is still on hand and Glenn, Jr., says he'd hate to grow tobacco without it. Last year he grew five acres with an average yield exceeding 2,400 lbs. per acre.

How much is 2,400 lbs. per acre? The Appomattox County average last year was 1,483 lbs. per acre. (Compare this with the just under 1,300 lb. average yield recorded for the 14 counties.) By any yardstick, this is good farming!

I listened while he and Appomattox extension agent, Jim Smith standing ankle deep in beautiful tobacco plants, talked tobacco. Just the names of the chemicals give pause for thought!

The production of dark tobacco is involved and like all farming, risky. One of the big problems is finding help, particularly at planting and harvesting time. Except for the full-time farmer, these days by 8 a.m., the country is pretty near empty of men willing and able to work. Most of them have "answered the call" of B&W, GE, Craddock-Terry, Unroyal, Stockpole, Burlington Industries and other locally situated industrial plants. Thus the farmers must help each other, invest in labor saving equipment, eliminate high labor using crops or a combination of these approaches plus others perhaps, trying.

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Compact oats are new. They are short as the name implies, but they look like a good one to try. I'm interested in learning something about the TDN yield in comparison to Roanoke.

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Tom Hall called to ask about the availability of tobacco plants. Growers in other counties are looking for plants. If you have plants, would you call this office (352-2364) and give yardage, variety and your asking price.

Beds will be worth watering if the plants can be sold and I feel we can help you move them.

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PRECIPITATION:

Last Week	.10
This Month	.10
This Year	12.03
Normal this year	18.14

Mrs. Martin's 4-H

Mrs. Martin's Fifth Grade 4-H Club met May 14, 1970 in the auditorium. Some 4-H members from our class participated in the "Share The Fun Contest." We had three winners. They are as follows; Third Prize, Teresa Harris, piano-solo; Second Prize, Gail Moore, baton solo with two batons; First Prize, Skit, Characters were: Teresa Cyrus, maid; Arlene Ferguson, housewife; Betty Jo Hall and Karen Carter as the maid's friends. We congratulate these winners. We also thank Mr. James, our 4-H leader, for helping us this year.

Gail Moore, Reporter, A.I.S.

THANK-YOU

FROM RURITANS

Spout Spring Ruritans wish to thank each and every one for making their "Brunswick Stew" sale such a success. They also want to apologize to all who came out who were unable to be served because of the complete sell out. To everyone they say, "Thanks for the great support!"

Auction June 13

A bright tobacco and grain farm plus seven room farm home, known as the Pankey Farm, will be offered at auction Saturday, June 13, at 11 a.m. The farm is located approximately eight and one-half miles from Appomattox on State Route 694, off Rt. 727 (Red House Road). Vaughan Auction Co.

What about labor saving equipment for Dark Tobacco? A news article about that subject would not be as long as the title. Sure, some research is being done. In Maryland and Kentucky they have new fangled machines that will cut and spear the Burley Tobacco stalks. This is experimental.

A way has yet to be found to develop a machine to cut dark tobacco without ruining it. Even if such a machine were perfected the cost of it probably would be too high.

Small allotments, experienced growers, weather risks, hand labor, average age of growers, seasonal labor load, market outlook; these and other items cloud the dark tobacco alternative. Nevertheless there are bright spots also. The allotment is on a per acre basis. No poundage limit is set as is the case with flue tobacco. The investment to get started is about the smallest for any type of farming; time is the big input.

Recent studies indicate a range of 300 to 500 hours of labor per acre are required for dark tobacco. This starts with plant bed preparation and concludes with selling the tobacco. These same studies showed an average return per hour of operator-family labor of $1.65 in 1967. Dark tobacco average prices have for the past two years shown increasing strength. But the costs of chemicals, hired labor, and other items used in production have also increased. A continued strong demand is a must. Still as of 1969 the returns per acre and per hour of labor did show definite improvement.

Thus the situation is looking better. With improved prices and more good, young growers like Glenn Martin, Jr., interested, maybe the dark leaf situation will continue to brighten. A strong foreign market is a must. Another article will highlight some additional considerations along this line.

COOP MEETING

The local Southern States Cooperative annual membership meeting for the Appomattox, Virginia area will be held Tuesday, July 21, 1970.

This decision was made by local farmer-members at a recent annual meeting conference held by Coleman's Feed & Seed Store, Appomattox, Va.

Among the features of this year's session will be the reports on Southern States Cooperative and the local Agency operations for the fiscal year which ends on June 30.

In addition there will be elections and other business matters. Members will elect two new board members and two new farm home advisory committee members.

PREVENT FOREST FIRES

"Ice" For The Watermelon

Anyone with a watermelon late Saturday afternoon could have found the "ice" to cool it at the home of the late F. Allen O'Brien near Vera. A brief but fairly heavy rain about 6 p.m. left a heavy deposit of hail around the road bank on Rt. 24 at the farm and more near the barn. For farmers in the area, the rain was welcome, but hail stripped growing corn in fields planted by Elliott Torrence and others, causing considerable damage. Chief Fire Warden David M. Smith notified the Times-Virginian of the unusual "snow in June."

EVERGREEN

Mrs. E. C. Calhoun of Baltimore left for home Saturday after spending some time with Mrs. R. W. Staples and son, Wilson.

Mr. K. C. Paulette is a patient in McQuire Hospital, Richmond.

Mrs. H. B. Cralle has returned home after visiting relatives at Richmond.

Mrs. C. J. Paulette has returned home after visiting her sisters in Lynchburg and also to see the doctors.

Miss Bonny Bruce has returned home from college with her parents Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Bruce and Milton.

Mrs. K. C. Paulette and Mrs. R. W. Staples and Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. McLaughlin visited K. C. Paulette at McQuire Hospital in Richmond Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wooldridge of Greenville Drive, Lynchburg, visited Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Franklin and family last Sunday evening.

Mrs. Mabel Adams of Oakville spent last Sunday with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cocke and Dorothy.

Mrs. Thomas Paulette is a patient in Lynchburg General Hospital.

Mrs. W. C. Garrett visited her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Paulette in the Lynchburg General Hospital Saturday.

Young Farmer Tour Slated June 19

Rustburg -- Campbell County will be host to the annual Southside Virginia Young Farmer Tour Friday, June 19. The 15-county group will meet at Rustburg High School at 9:15 a. m. and proceed in school buses to the farms to be visited.

The tour will include visits to Henry Patrick's dairy farm and the beef cattle farm of Charles Farris. The group of about one hundred will also observed the processing of wood into paper at the Mead plant.

At the noon break, the group will be lunch guests of Fidelity National Bank.

O. L. Waddell, W. R. Austin, instructors of agricultural education in the Rustburg High School and R. L. Upshaw, vice-president Fidelity National Bank, are in charge of arrangements for the tour.

Receives B. S. In Business

J. A. Conner, Jr. of Appomattox, received the Bachelor of Science degree in Business during graduation exercises held at Lynchburg College on Sunday, June 7.

Mr. Conner is an employee of Babcock and Wilcox, Lynchburg, and a graduate of Appomattox High School. He is married to the former Judy Burrell, of Pamplin.

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